



## OHMVR COMMISSION MEETING Pismo Beach, CA

December 12, 2014

**STAFF REPORT:** Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP)  
**STAFF:** Connie Latham – DRECP Project Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** Draft DRECP EIR/EIS Notice of Availability – Public Comment Period

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### Summary

The California Energy Commission (CEC), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) and a proposed BLM Land Use Plan Amendment for the Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (Draft DRECP).

The 106-day public comment period for the Draft DRECP closes on January 9, 2015.

### Discussion

The DRECP is a long-term, utility-scale renewable energy and conservation plan. The DRECP is comprised of three elements that form an integrated interagency plan for permitting renewable energy and electric transmission line development in the Mojave and Colorado/Sonoran deserts of southern California: 1) BLM's proposed Land Use Plan (LUPAs) Amends to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan; 2) the FWS's proposed General Conservation Plan; and 3) California Department of Fish and Wildlife's proposed Natural Community Conservation Plan.

The Draft DRECP includes six alternatives, or proposed approaches, for achieving the DRECP goals.

**Preferred Alternative** – Under this alternative, renewable energy development is distributed across the plan area; **moderate** development flexibility. Approximately 2 million acres of development focus areas. Recreation designation on over 3.6 million acres of BLM-managed lands (SRMAs, ERMAs, and Open OHV Areas, etc.).

*Note: with the exception of the No Action Alternative, all action alternatives would have an actual development foot print of approximately 177,000 acres. Also, all Alternatives would add just over 1million acres of new SRMA designation. All action alternatives, under BLM LUPAs, would mitigate for impacts to recreation within Development Focus Areas.*

**Alternative 1 (Disturbed lands and low resource conflict Alternative)** – Under this alternative, renewable energy development is confined to **low** conflict disturbed lands. Approximately 1.1 million acres of development focus areas.

**Alternative 2 (Increased Geographic and Technology Flexibility Alternative)** – Under this alternative, renewable energy development is distributed across the plan area; **maximum** geographic and technology flexibility. Approximately 2.5 million acres of development focus areas.

**Alternative 3 (Geographically balanced alternative)** – Under this alternative, renewable energy development is distributed across the plan area; **moderate** development flexibility. Approximately 1.4 million acres of development focus areas.

**Alternative 4 (Geographically balanced alternative with variance lands)** – Under this alternative, renewable energy development is distributed across the plan area. Approximately 1.6 million acres of development focus areas with nearly all of the nearly 600,000 acres of BLM's Western Solar Plan variance lands.

**Alternative 5 (No Action)** – Under this alternative, renewable energy permitting continues on a project by project bases.

### **Commission Action**

The Commission may:

1. Take no action.
2. Submit a comment letter to California Energy Commission (CEQA Lead).

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – DRECP Notice of Availability from California State Clearinghouse.

Attachment 2 – DRECP Alternative Comparison Table



California Energy  
Commission



California Department  
of Fish and Wildlife



U.S. Bureau of  
Land Management



U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service

## Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

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**Subject:** Notice of Availability, Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan

**Date:** September 26, 2014

**California State Clearinghouse #:** 2011071092

**BLM #:** BLM/CA/PL-2014/025+1793

The California Energy Commission (CEC), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), as Lead Agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) and Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment for the Draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP).

**What is the Proposed Project?** The DRECP is a long-term, utility-scale renewable energy and conservation plan. The DRECP is comprised of three elements that form an integrated interagency plan for permitting renewable energy and electric transmission line development in the Mojave and Colorado/Sonoran Deserts of southern California: 1) BLM's proposed Land Use Plan Amendments to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, Bishop Resource Management Plan, and Caliente/Bakersfield Resource Management Plan; 2) the FWS's proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (General Conservation Plan); and 3) the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) proposed Natural Community Conservation Plan.

For additional information or to read the Draft EIR/EIS, visit the DRECP website at: [www.drecp.org](http://www.drecp.org).

**What is included in the Draft EIR/EIS?** The Draft EIR/EIS describes the Proposed Alternative, evaluates five alternatives (plus a No Action Alternative, defining the actions expected to occur if the DRECP is not approved). It describes the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of each alternative, and presents mitigation measures that could avoid or minimize these impacts, if adopted by the CEC, CDFW, BLM, USFWS, or other responsible agencies.

**Impacts of the Proposed Plan.** The EIR/EIS describes impacts in approximately 80 environmental resource impact categories, within 23 environmental resource areas. Of these 80 impact categories, there are 17 significant unmitigable impacts – 8 of these significant impacts would occur only in the No Action Alternative. The No Action Alternative would not have the conservation and LUPA benefits of the five action alternatives. The analysis in the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS suggests the Preferred Alternative will be most effective at achieving the DRECP goals of conserving the unique desert landscape, minimizing and mitigating the effects of incidental take of sensitive species, streamlining renewable energy production, and meeting other DRECP Planning Goals.

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**Sites Listed Pursuant to Government Code section 69526.5.** Pursuant to Government Code section 69526.5, CalEPA maintains lists of sites that potentially contain hazardous waste and other forms of contamination. Some of these sites are located in the DRECP area. The list of sites, including all sites in the DRECP planning area, may be found at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/sitecleanup/corteselist/default.htm>. For more information about the lists maintained pursuant to Government Code section 69526.5, see <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/sitecleanup/corteselist/Background.htm>.

**Availability of the Draft Plan and EIR/EIS.** The Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS will be released for public review on September 26, 2014. It will be available for review and download at [www.drecp.org](http://www.drecp.org), local area libraries and agency offices, and a DVD will be provided upon request. To request a DVD, please send an email request to [drecp.info@energy.ca.gov] or call (916) 654-4818 with the mailing address. For a list of local area libraries and agency offices that have the document (most on DVD), please see the lists below or go to [www.drecp.org/draftdrecp](http://www.drecp.org/draftdrecp).

**Submitting Comments on the Draft Plan and EIR/EIS.** Written comments must be postmarked or received by electronic mail or fax no later than **Friday, January 9, 2015**. Information on submitting comments may be found at [www.drecp.org](http://www.drecp.org).

To submit comments, please deliver or send them to the following:

**Email Address:** [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov)

**Fax:** (916) 654-4421

**U.S. Mail or Other Delivery Address:**

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Docket No. 09-RENEW EO-01  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

When attaching comments to an e-mail, please use either Microsoft Word format or Portable Document Format (PDF). Please also include "DRECP NEPA/CEQA" in the subject line or your email comment or first paragraph of your mail comment.

When submitting comments on the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS, please include the name and means of contact for a person who would be available for later consultation if necessary. Please note that comments and information submitted will be available for public review at [www.drecp.org](http://www.drecp.org). Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that any information submitted as part of your comment will become part of the public record. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other internet search engines. You may choose to withhold contact information, but the agencies will not be able to consult with you if clarification of your comment is needed. While you may request in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, agencies cannot guarantee the ability to do so.

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Informational Overview Video.** The agencies have prepared an Informational Overview Video on the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS. It is available at [www.drecp.org](http://www.drecp.org).

**Informational Webinar. An Informational Webinar will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2014.**

The Informational Webinar will be an opportunity to learn about the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS, how to navigate the plan and analysis, and how to provide public comments. To assist members of the public that may not have access to high-speed internet, several agency offices will be open to the public to view the Informational Webinar. Oral comments will not be taken during the Informational Webinar. The Webinar will be recorded and will be available at [www.drecp.org](http://www.drecp.org) following the Webinar.

**What: Informational Webinar on the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS**

**When: Thursday, October 9, 2014**

**Time: 4 PM – 6 PM**

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**To watch the Webinar from an agency office,** see the list of locations on the following page.

**Public Workshops.** A number of Public Workshops will be held during late October and early November 2014. Dates, times, and locations will be posted on [www.drecp.org](http://www.drecp.org). The workshops will provide the public with an opportunity to learn more about the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS, to speak with the specialists who developed the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS, and to provide comments on the Draft DRECP and EIR/EIS. Written comments may be submitted or made orally at the workshops.

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<p><b>Bakersfield</b> Bureau of Land Management Bakersfield Field Office 3801 Pegasus Drive Bakersfield, CA 93308 (661) 391-6000 Office hours: 7:30am-4pm</p>	<p><b>Barstow</b> Bureau of Land Management Barstow Field Office 2601 Barstow Road Barstow, CA 92311 (760) 252-6000 Office hours: 8am-4:30pm</p>
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### Libraries with the Document on DVD

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Independence, CA 93526

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Lone Pine, CA 93545

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210 Academy Avenue  
Bishop, CA 93514

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Big Pine, CA 93513

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Death Valley, CA 92328

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Tecopa, CA 92389

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Lancaster, CA 93534

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Palmdale, CA 93591

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Palmdale, CA 93550

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Los Angeles, CA 90071-2002

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San Diego County Library – Julian  
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San Diego County Library – Ramona Branch  
1275 Main Street  
Ramona, CA 92065

Central Library  
820 E Street  
San Diego, CA 92101

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Adelanto Branch Library  
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Apple Valley Branch Library  
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Apple Valley, CA 92307

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Barstow, CA 92311

Big Bear Lake Branch Library  
41930 Garstin Drive  
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Hesperia Branch Library  
9565 Seventh Avenue  
Hesperia, CA 92345

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1111 Bailey Avenue  
Needles, CA 92363

Twentynine Palms Branch Library  
6078 Adobe Road  
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

Victorville City Library  
15011 Circle Drive  
Victorville, CA 92395

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57098 Twentynine Palms Hwy  
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

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Arvin, CA 93203

Beale Memorial Library  
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Bakersfield, CA 93301

Kern County Library – Baker  
1400 Baker Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93305

Kern County Library – Bryce C. Rathbun  
200 West China Grade Loop  
Bakersfield, CA 93305

Kern County Library – Eleanor Wilson  
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Bakersfield, CA 93304

Kern County Library – Holloway-Gonzales  
506 East Brundage Lane  
Bakersfield, CA 93307

Mojave Branch  
16916 1/2 Highway 14, Space D2  
Mojave, CA 93501

Kern County Library – Northeast  
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Bakersfield, CA 93306

Kern County Library – Southwest  
8301 Ming Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93311

Kern County Library – California City  
9507 California City Blvd  
California City, CA 93505

Kern County Library – Delano  
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Delano, CA 93215



Kern County Library – Frazier  
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Frazier Park, CA 93225

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48 Tobias Street  
Kernville, CA 93238

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Rosamond, CA 93560

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Banning, CA 92220

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Blythe, CA 92225

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Calimesa, CA 92320

Canyon Lake Library  
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Canyon Lake, CA 92587

Cathedral City Library  
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Cathedral City, CA 92234

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Coachella, CA 92236

Desert Hot Springs Library  
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Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

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Indio, CA 92201

La Quinta Library  
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La Quinta, CA 92253

Moreno Valley Public Library  
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Palm Desert, CA 92260

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Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

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Sacramento, CA 95814-4802

Humboldt County Library  
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Eureka, CA 95501-0553

Fresno County Library HQ  
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Fresno, CA 93721-2204

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San Francisco, CA 94102-4705

## PART THREE: ALTERNATIVE PLAN DESIGNS

### 3.8 DRECP Alternatives Comparison

Table 7. Summary of the Draft DRECP Alternatives

		PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE	ALTERNATIVE 1	ALTERNATIVE 2	ALTERNATIVE 3	ALTERNATIVE 4	NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE
<b>Renewable Energy Development</b>							
Total acres of Development Focus Areas <sup>1</sup>		2,024,000	1,070,000	2,473,000	1,405,000	1,608,000	6,285,000
Total acres of public land within Development Focus Areas <sup>1</sup>	Federal	392,000 (19%)	99,000 (9%)	743,000 (30%)	231,000 (17%)	276,000 (17%)	2,854,000 (45%)
	Nonfederal	64,000 (3%)	55,000 (5%)	81,000 (3%)	62,000 (4%)	61,000 (4%)	188,000 (3%)
Total acres of private (Nonfederal) lands within Development Focus Areas <sup>1</sup>		1,569,000 (78%)	916,000 (86%)	1,649,000 (67%)	1,113,000 (79%)	1,272,000 (79%)	3,244,000 (52%)
Total estimated footprint impacts (all RE technologies and transmission) <sup>2</sup>		177,000	182,000	169,000	182,000	177,000	158,000
Study Area Lands <sup>3</sup>	DRECP Variance Lands <sup>4</sup> (acres)	13,000	37,000	—	—	588,000	588,000
	Future Assessment Areas (acres)	128,000	—	109,000	11,000	—	NA
	Special Analysis Areas (acres)	42,000	—	—	—	—	NA
<b>Conservation</b>							
Existing Conservation		7,662,000	7,662,000	7,662,000	7,662,000	7,662,000	7,662,000
BLM LUPA Conservation Designations <sup>5</sup>	National Landscape Conservation System lands	3,984,000	1,682,000	5,124,000	3,845,000	3,012,000	NA
	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	1,976,000	3,609,000	1,104,000	2,272,000	2,148,000	2,966,000
	Wildlife Allocation	157,000	799,000	14,000	144,000	446,000	NA
Conservation Planning Areas <sup>6</sup>		1,142,000	1,287,000	1,183,000	1,238,000	1,210,000	NA
Estimated Compensation for footprint impacts <sup>7</sup>		284,000	237,000	499,000	259,000	275,000	Project-by-Project
<b>Recreation<sup>8</sup></b>							
Areas Managed for Recreation Emphasis		—	—	—	—	—	1,465,000
Existing Special Recreation Management Areas		193,000	193,000	193,000	193,000	193,000	193,000
Proposed Special Recreation Management Areas		2,531,000	2,537,000	2,463,000	2,531,000	2,489,000	—
Proposed Extensive Recreation Management Areas		879,000	—	—	—	—	—
Open Off-Highway Vehicle/Special Recreation Management Area		321,000	321,000	321,000	321,000	321,000	321,000

<sup>1</sup>There are no Development Focus Areas under the No Action Alternative. Acreage reported here for the No Action Alternative is the area available for renewable energy development where megawatts have been assigned in a spatial distribution that mimics current development patterns and technology mixes.

<sup>2</sup>For the action alternatives, the estimated ground disturbance is based on the aggregated high scenario for megawatt distribution, which overestimates the amount of megawatts needed in the Development Focus Areas in each ecoregion subarea in order to provide greater siting flexibility. The authorized ground disturbance under the DRECP would be limited to the amount of disturbance needed to accommodate 20,000 megawatts of renewable energy development. The ground disturbance estimate for the No Action Alternative does not use an aggregated high scenario for megawatt distribution; the No Action Alternative is based on a spatial distribution of the planned 20,000 megawatts in a spatial distribution that mimics current development patterns and technology mixes. Impacts reported here include project footprint impacts; the impacts reported here do not reflect operational impacts. For solar, ground-mounted distributed generation, geothermal, and transmission development, the footprint impacts include all short-term and long-term impacts associated with facility construction, assumed to be equivalent to the "project area" and/or right-of-way within which all project facilities would be built. For wind development, the footprint impacts include all short-term and long-term impacts associated with facility construction, which is not equivalent to the "project area" and/or right-of-way necessary for wind project siting. Effects associated with the wind "project area" are addressed under operational impacts. Operational effects for all technologies are discussed Chapter IV.7, Biological Resources, and are not reported in this table.

<sup>3</sup>Study Area Lands are lands that are available for renewable energy development but are outside Development Focus Areas and not examined under DRECP (DRECP Variance Lands), lands that may become available (Future Assessment Areas), or lands that would require special analysis before determining if they are or are not available (Special Analysis Areas) for renewable energy development. Renewable energy development on Study Area Lands is not covered by the DRECP. Therefore, megawatts were not distributed to and impacts were not analyzed within Study Area Lands in any alternative that they occur. Conversely, Study Area Lands are not part of the reserve design in any of the alternatives that they occur, and resources within these lands were not considered conserved in the conservation analysis.

<sup>4</sup>DRECP Variance Lands represent the BLM Solar Programmatic EIS Variance Lands and other BLM lands identified through the LUPA as screened for the DRECP using BLM screening criteria. Alternative 4 and the No Action Alternative include the full extent of the Solar Programmatic EIS Variance Lands within the DRECP.

<sup>5</sup>BLM LUPA Conservation Designation acreage reported here includes the full extent of the conservation designation, which is BLM-administered land and non-BLM inholdings lands within the matrix of public lands, consistent with the standard BLM mapping approach for BLM resource management plans. There is no LUPA under the No Action Alternative; Areas of Critical Environmental Concern acreage reported here includes the existing Areas of Critical Environmental Concern within the Plan Area outside of the Legally and Legislatively Protected Areas and Military Expansion Mitigation Lands. National Landscape Conservation System overlaps with Areas of Critical Environmental Concern or Wildlife Allocation are reported as National Landscape Conservation System. (CONT'D on page 43)